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**CROSS REFERENCE:** Operations Memo 98-32

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** January 1, 2002

**PURPOSE**

This memo clarifies policy for handling review dates set by CARES for all Medicaid (MA) subprograms.

**BACKGROUND**

Federal regulations require a redetermination of MA eligibility at least once every 12 months, with the information available at the time of the redetermination. Local agencies must review cases, in order to ensure program integrity. When a worker invokes an eligibility determination (SFED/SFEX) for MA and the case is processed through the cascade the MA eligibility redetermination requirement has been met.

The following 2 scenarios meet the federal criteria for a redetermination.

**CHANGE IN MA CATEGORY**

Any time eligibility is run in CARES, before CARES discontinues an MA Assistance Group (AG) for failure to complete a review, CARES tests the AG in the MA cascade before making the closure. If a new category of MA opens, a new review date is set.

**OLD POLICY**

In the past, the worker was then expected to update the review dates on AGOR.

***NEW POLICY***

Workers will no longer be required to update the review dates on AGOR or override by using reason code 077 for MA. The date that is set by CARES is the new review date for MA.

**Example:** A case is open for MHSN and is due for a review by 6/30/01. The client reports an increase in income to their worker on 02/02/01. The worker makes the appropriate entries and runs SFEX. The case cascades from MHSN to BC without a premium. A new review date is set for BC. The new review date is 02/28/02. This is a correct redetermination of eligibility for the case and the new review date is correct.

***FAILURE TO COMPLETE A REVIEW***

A case that is processed through Adverse Action and should have closed for lack of review (077) sometimes cascades to another category of MA. When this occurs, the new MA subprogram AG is given a new review date 12 months from the eligibility determination month.

***OLD POLICY***

In the past, the worker was then expected to close the new MA AG with an 077 override and monitor/update the review dates on AGOR.

***NEW POLICY***

Workers will no longer be required to update the review dates on AGOR or override them by using reason code 077 for MA. The date that is set by CARES is the new review date for MA.

**Example:** A case is open for MA R and is due for review by 03/31/01. The client does not show up for the scheduled review. At Adverse Action (AA) in April the case should close with the failure reason code 077. However, MA R is closed correctly but through the cascade process MAOR opens with a new review date of 04/30/02. This is a correct redetermination of eligibility for the case and the new review date is correct. Do not require any additional information from the client unless information that is in CARES meets the definition of questionable.

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